



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Jamee L. Patton

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New Albany, Ohio 43054

RE: MUR 5812  
Jamee L. Patton

Dear Ms. Patton:

On February 26, 2007, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement you submitted in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.15, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter as it pertains to you. Please be advised that the absence of a civil penalty in this agreement reflects unusual factors brought forth during the investigation.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) still apply, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elena Paoli". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Elena Paoli  
Attorney

Enclosure  
Conciliation Agreement

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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 5812  
Jamee L. Patton )

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that Jamee L. Patton ("Respondent") knowingly and willingly violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.15 by commingling political committee funds with personal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

- I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
- II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.
- III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.
- IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:
  1. The Ohio State Medical Association Political Action Committee ("OSMAPAC") is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4).
  2. OSMAPAC is the separated segregated fund of its connected organization, the Ohio State Medical Association ("OSMA").

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3. OSMAPAC is affiliated with the American Medical Association Political Action Committee ("AMAPAC").
  4. Jamee L. Patton was employed by OSMA. She had authority to write checks on behalf of OSMAPAC and to prepare FEC disclosure reports on behalf of OSMAPAC and its treasurer.
  5. From December 1, 2000, through May 19, 2005, Patton made unauthorized disbursements to herself totaling \$83,570 by writing checks to herself and disguising the payments in OSMAPAC's internal accounting records as checks to AMAPAC.
  6. Patton did not report the disbursements she made to herself in the FEC reports she filed on behalf of OSMAPAC and its treasurer.
  7. On January 10, 2006, Patton was sentenced in the Franklin County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas in connection with criminal charges arising from the embezzlement. She received five years' probation and was ordered to make full restitution to OSMA's insurance company (\$81,070) and pay additional costs to OSMA (\$8,128.50).

V. Respondent knowingly and willfully commingled OSMAPAC funds with personal funds in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.15.

VI. Respondent will cease and desist from further violation of 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.15.

VII. Respondent is prohibited from working or volunteering for federal political committees in a capacity involving the committee's finances for a period of 10 years.

VIII. Respondent Jamee L. Patton, through the submission of extensive financial documentation to the Commission and additional representations, has indicated that financial

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hardship prevents her from paying any civil penalty to the Commission. Patton's debts include criminal penalties described in Part IV, ¶ 7, back taxes of \$34,000, and assorted other debts such as legal fees. In addition, OSMA filed a civil lawsuit against her seeking \$250,000 in damages. Patton has virtually no assets. The Commission regards these submissions and representations as material representations. Due to Respondent Patton's financial condition and her criminal plea to related charges, the Commission agrees to depart from the civil penalty that the Commission would normally seek for the violations at issue, and the Commission agrees that no civil penalty shall be due. If evidence is uncovered indicating Respondent's financial condition is not as stated, a civil penalty of one hundred sixty seven thousand dollars (\$167,000) shall be immediately due, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(B).

IX. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

X. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

XI. Respondent shall have no more than thirty (30) days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

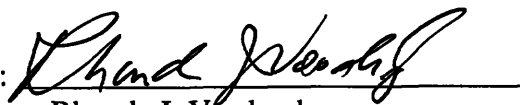
XII. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or

oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

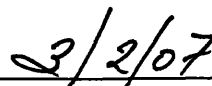
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

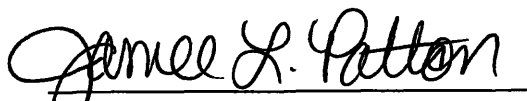
BY:

  
Rhonda J. Vosdigh  
Associate General Counsel  
for Enforcement

Date



FOR THE RESPONDENT:

  
Jamee L. Patton

Date



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